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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the above amendments prior to examination of this application.

Status of Claims

Claims 9 to 27 will be pending after entry of the present amendment. Claims 1 to 8 are being canceled without prejudice.

Amendment

The specification is being amended to insert section headers and an abstract of the disclosure in accordance with 37 CFR §1.77 to better conform with US patent practice. The specification is also being amended to insert a cross-reference to related applications in accordance 37 CFR §1.78 and to claim priority to those applications listed therein.

The specification is also being amended to insert Table I, which was inadvertently omitted during the filing of the PCT application, but then subsequently submitted to the PCT office. Applicants respectfully submit that this Table is not new matter as Table I merely summarizes the results of the experimental procedures and results described on page 11 and page 13, lines 1 to 16 of the specification. Furthermore, one skilled in the art, based on Applicants' specification, would readily recognize that Table I is inherently part of Applicants' originally filed application as reference is made to Table I on page 11. Additionally, the priority document (DE 198 48 146.2) contains the exact same Table I. Thus, no new matter is added by entry of Table I.

New Claims 9 to 27 replace original claims 1 to 8, and are being presented to better conform with US patent practice. These new claims are supported by the specification for example as shown in the Table below (cites to the specification are for the English translation):

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Claim	Support in Specification
9, 18, 23, 24,	page 8, line 26 to page 9, line 25
10	page 6, line 30 to page 7, line 5
11	page 7, lines 6 to 9
12	page 7, lines 19 to 23
13, 14	page 8, lines 2 to 10
15, 17	page 8, lines 11 to 15
16, 22, 26, 27	page 6, line 30 to page 7, line 5, page 7, lines 6 to 9 and lines 19 to 23, page 8, lines 2 to 10
19	original claim 8
20, 21, 25	Page 9, lines 10 to 25

No new matter is added by the new claims or amendments to the specification.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests early and favorable notification of allowance of all pending claims. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in the required fee or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 01-1250 in connection with this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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